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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: KIDNAP THREAT - BUKAVU

REF: STATE 033132

1. IN ADDITION TO RSO'S TRIP TO BUKAVU DEC 20, 1975, AND EMBASSY BRIEFING OF CONSUL WHEN ENROUTE TO BUKAVU JAN 26-30, 1976, MTT BRIEFED CONSUL MICHAEL ADAMS, MRS. ADAMS AND VICE CONSUL BARBARA JOHNSON JAN 31 - FEB 4, 1976. ALL STANDARD COUNTER-TERRORIST TRAINING WAS GIVEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LIVE FIRING AND BEHIND THE WHEEL EVASIVE DRIVING.

2. IN ADDITION, SUGGESTIONS SPECIFIC TO COUNTERING PRESENT THREAT WERE GIVEN, THESE INCLUDED:
A. FULL TIME RESIDENTIAL AND CONSULATE GUARD COVERAGE AND BODYGUARDS BY GOZ. (THIS WAS DECLINED BY ADAMS ON THE BASIS THAT IT WOULD CREAST UNNECESSARY PUBLIC ALARM. ADAMS ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT PATROLS
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IN THE AREA OF HIS RESIDENCE HAD RECENTLY BEEN IN-

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CREASED. JOHNSON'S RESIDENCE IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM PRES MOBUTU'S HOME WHICH IS ALWAYS HEAVILY PATROLLED.)

B. LIMITATION OF MOVEMENTS TO ESSENTIAL TRIPS; USE OF RADIOS FOR MONITORING MOVEMENTS.

C. IMPROVEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL SECURITY TO INCLUDE: INCREASED EXTERIOR LIGHTING; METAL DOORS WITH PEEP HOLES TO REPLACE HOLLOW EXTERIOR WOODEN DOOR AND HOLLOW BEDROOM DOOR; RELOCATION OF RADIO TO BEDROOM; USE OF BEDROOM AS SAFEHAVEN; REMOVAL OF IDENTIFYING SIGN ON FRONT GATE AS WELL AS AMERICAN FLAG; INSTALLATION OF GRILL WORK ON UPPER FLOORS.

D. IMPROVEMENT OF CONSULATE SECURITY TO INCLUDE: ACCESS CONTROL BY RECEPTIONIST; KEEPING UPPER WINDOWS LOCKED AND DRAPES DRAWN; REPLACEMENT OF HOLLOW EXTERIOR DOOR WITH METAL DOOR.

3. EVALUATION OF TRAINING: ADAMS AND JOHNSON HAVE A GOOD GRASP OF WHAT IS REQUIRED IN THE AREA OF PERSONAL PRECAUTIONS AS WELL AS PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS. BOTH WERE MOST RECEPTIVE TO MTT PROGRAM.
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